

roads and bridges that connect the country, the teachers who have ensured our youth reached their full potential and all Americans who in their own way have contributed to this Nation.

We cannot forget the brave Americans of our armed services who throughout our history have fought and died to preserve the freedom we all enjoy, nor those currently serving. On the Fourth of July we must also honor the sacrifice of these men and women.

As New Mexicans gather with family and friends to barbecue and watch fireworks, I hope they will take a moment to remember the greatness of this Nation and pay tribute to all those who have made it so.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROSWELL UFO FESTIVAL

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I would like to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Roswell UFO incident.

On July 8, 1947, the Roswell Army Air Field, RAAF, issued a statement announcing they had recovered a “flying disk” from a nearby ranch. This news release, concerning the landing of a mysterious object, was quickly changed. The next day, the RAAF issued a retraction and stated the mysterious object was in fact a downed weather balloon. Although Roswell Army Air Field officials had retracted their original statement within 24 hours, the controversy, which has endured for 60 years, had already begun.

The interest ignited by the original “flying disk” statement continues to spark debate for many, not just in the great State of New Mexico but around the world. Supposed witnesses of the event and UFO theorists to this day claim that the mysterious object was an actual alien aircraft. Others hold steadfast in the Air Force’s latest classification of the object being a U.S. Government spy balloon. Regardless of what was recovered 60 years ago, this notable event has become part of Roswell and the history of our State.

For the past 12 years, the city of Roswell has celebrated this well-known event by holding the Roswell UFO Festival on the town’s main street. Skeptics and alien-enthusiasts alike gather from around the globe to commemorate the incident by partaking in numerous activities and programs during a 4-day festival. The people who converge in Roswell this year for the festival, July 5–8, are in for an exciting weekend, as it promises to be the best in the festival’s history. Lectures, parades, concerts, hot air balloon rides and air shows are only a few of the items on this year’s program.

I have no doubt the controversy and debate surrounding the events of 60 years ago will continue. However, as long as we are able to enjoy and com-

memorate such events in our country’s history, I look forward to many more festivals such as these that bring people together from across the globe.●

RECOGNIZING SINAI, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sinai, SD. The town of Sinai will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Since its beginning in 1907, Sinai has been a strong reflection of South Dakota’s values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Sinai will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Sinai on their anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING NUNDA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Nunda, SD. The town of Nunda will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Nunda was founded in 1907 with the arrival of the South Dakota Central Railroad. Since its beginning, Nunda has been a strong reflection of South Dakota’s values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Nunda will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Nunda on their anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R.1830. An act to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 229. An act to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

S. 801. An act to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the “Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse”.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2643. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007.

At 6:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

H. Con. Res. 179. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess of adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2643. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 28, 2007, she had